

**DECLARATION, POWER OF ATTORNEY AND PROPERTY RIGHTS STATEMENT  
FOR PATENT APPLICATION**

**DECLARATION**

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my  
name,

I believe I am an original, first and joint inventor of the subject matter which is  
claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled "Pneumatic Surface Effect  
Damper".

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-  
identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to  
in this declaration.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information, which is material to the examination  
of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, 1.56(a).

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, §119 of  
any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified  
below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of  
the application on which priority is claimed:

Prior Foreign Application(s)			Priority <u>Claimed</u>	
<u>None</u> (Number)	<u>                    </u> (Country)	<u>                    </u> (Day/Month/Year Filed)	Yes	No
<u>None</u> (Number)	<u>                    </u> (Country)	<u>                    </u> (Day/Month/Year Filed)	Yes	No

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, 120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, 1.56(a) which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

<u>10/643,371</u>	<u>August 19,2003</u>	_____
(Application Serial No.)	(Filing Date)	(Status, patented, pending, abandoned)

#### **POWER OF ATTORNEY**

As a named inventor, I hereby appoint the following attorney(s) and/or agent(s) to prosecute this application and transact all business in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office and any foreign patent offices connected therewith.

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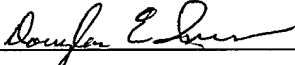
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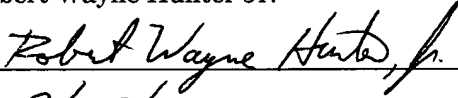
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**PROPERTY RIGHTS STATEMENT**

I further declare that I made and conceived this invention while employed by LORD CORPORATION. That the invention is related to the work I am employed to perform and was made within the scope of my employment duties; that the invention was made during working hours and with the use of facilities, equipment, materials, funds, information and services of LORD CORPORATION, with respect to the employees, and with respect to the Consultant, was fully funded by LORD CORPORATION.

**I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.**

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